



BIOGRAPHY

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COLONEL JOHN C. FOBIAN

Colonel John C. Fobian is the commander of the 940th Air Refueling Wing, Beale Air Force Base, Calif. The Wing's mission is to maintain a state of combat readiness to support the U.S. global air refueling mission under various operations plans and/or taskings requiring KC-135 aircraft. In this capacity, the colonel commands a combat-ready KC-135 tanker wing comprised of the Operations, Maintenance, and Mission Support Groups and 12 subordinate units with over 800 personnel.

Col. Fobian was born in Savannah, Georgia, and graduated from Layton High School, Layton, Utah, in 1971. He was commissioned through the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program at Utah State University in December 1974.



EDUCATION:

1974: Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics, Utah State University, Utah

1978: Squadron Officer School (Correspondence)

1988: Master of Science degree in Aeronautical Science, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

1995: Air War College (Group Study)

ASSIGNMENTS:

1976-1979: Computer systems programmer, 4501st Computer Support Squadron, Langley AFB, Va.

1979-1981: Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Reese AFB, Texas

1981-1986: KC-135 pilot, instructor pilot, and emergency actions officer, 917th Air Refueling Squadron, Dyess AFB, Texas

1986-1989: Air operations officer, 34th Strategic Squadron, Zaragoza AB, Spain

1989-1990: KC-135 instructor pilot/ flight commander, 906th Air Refueling Squadron, Minot AFB, N.D.

1991-1997: Commander, operations officer, and KC-135 evaluator pilot, 336th Air Refueling Squadron, March ARB, Calif.

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1997-1999: Commander, 507th Operations Group, Tinker AFB, Okla.
1999-2001: Commander, 513th Air Control Group, Tinker AFB, Okla.
2001-Present: Commander, 940th Air Refueling Wing, Beale AFB, Calif.

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: over 4,400

Aircraft Flown: T-37B, T-38A, KC-135A/E/R; E-3B/C; TC-18

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Air Force Achievement Medal

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with eight oak leaf clusters

Combat Readiness Medal with eight oak leaf clusters

National Defense Service Medal with one device

Armed Forces Service Medal with one device

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	December 12, 1974
First Lieutenant	December 12, 1977
Captain	December 12, 1979
Major	March 1, 1987
Lieutenant Colonel	June 16, 1994
Colonel	May 11, 1998